



Proclamation

- In Memoriam -

Richard Caldito

WHEREAS, Richard Caldito in 1922, at the age of nine, immigrated to Maui with his parents as *sakadas*, plantation contract laborers from Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, Philippines; and

WHEREAS, Richard Caldito credited his two years as a boarder at Lahainaluna School for shaping his character, although he ended up graduating from Baldwin High School; and

WHEREAS, Richard Caldito met his wife, the late Dorothy Lovell, while working at Yamanaka Store, where she used to stop on the way to the movie house next door; one day, he introduced himself to her as "the best dancer and the best-looking man" in Waihee; and

WHEREAS, Richard Caldito later worked as a milk delivery man for Waihee Dairy, and became an ILWU member; ran and was elected in 1956 to the Board of Supervisors (which preceded the formation of the County Council); and continued to serve for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Richard Caldito became the first Filipino immigrant to win a Maui County election and was the first Filipino-American to be elected as a Democrat in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Richard Caldito's accomplishments include being named by Filipino Image magazine as "One of the 20 Outstanding Filipino-Americans in North America and Guam" and receiving numerous awards including the UFCH Certificate of Recognition of Lifetime Achievement and the Maui Filipino Community Council Bini At Ani Achievement Award;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 6, 2011 as

"RICHARD CALDITO DAY"

in Hawaii and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in extending our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Caldito family on the passing of a true son of Hawai'i.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth day of August, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i